

As a daytime only AM station owner, I am thrilled that the FCC is contemplating such a rule making. We are a daytime only AM station that caters to local programming. We could assist the community by airing such events as city council meetings, Chamber of Commerce meetings, etc., but since these meetings start after sundown most months of the year, we are unable to do so, and as such provide a disservice to our community.

We also have the ability to broadcast local high school sports. Again, unfortunately, most sporting events go into the evening, and we are unable to broadcast such events as we must shut down at sunset. Most high school sports are played in the fall and winter, when the days are even shorter!

I would be in favor of phasing in the FM translators based on need. Those of us in small markets who are forced to shut down at night have the most to gain by such a ruling, including:

- Better service to the community
- Additional revenue opportunities

Stations that operate on reduced power have these opportunities today. Daytime only stations do not.

AM stations should be allowed to enter into Time Brokerage Agreements with both commercial and non-commercial FM translator licensees to allow AM licensees to originate local programming over such FM translators at night.

Keeping the 60 dBu contour of the translator station wholly within the 2 mV/m of the AM daytime contour sounds like a fine plan. However, if there are situations where an AM station cannot find an FM translator within these limitations, there should be a provision that allows AM stations to seek a waiver of the limitation. The grant of the waiver should be tied to the AM licensee's commitment to providing locally originated programming on the FM translator.